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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring a study regarding alternative methods for
2 disposing of the body of a deceased person.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH — ALTERNATIVE
2 METHODS FOR DISPOSAL OF BODY — STUDY. The Iowa department of
3 public health, in consultation with interested stakeholders,
4 including but not limited to the Iowa funeral directors
5 association, the Iowa board of mortuary science examiners,
6 and the Iowa department of natural resources, shall conduct a
7 study on whether to authorize the use of alkaline hydrolysis
8 as a method of disposing of a body of a deceased person. At a
9 minimum, the study shall consider what additional requirements
10 would be necessary if alkaline hydrolysis was authorized in
11 this state. The department shall submit a report regarding
12 the study, including its findings and recommendations, to the
13 general assembly by January 1, 2020.

EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill requires the Iowa department of public health to
18 conduct a study on whether to authorize the use of alkaline
19 hydrolysis as a method of disposing of a body of a deceased
20 person. The bill requires the department to submit a report to
21 the general assembly about the study by January 1, 2020.